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PATENT APPLICATION

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Case: 10

Title: Method And Apparatus For Adjusting The Level Of A Speech
Signal In Its Encoded Format

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Specification
6 Informal Sheets of drawing(s)
1 Assignment(s) with Cover Sheet
Declaration and Power of Attorney


| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | |
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| Total Claims | 12 - 20 = | 0 | x \$18 = | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 - 3 = | 0 | x \$84 = | \$0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims, if applicable | | | + \$280 = | \$0 |
| Basic Fee | | | | \$750 |
| | | | TOTAL FEE | \$750 |

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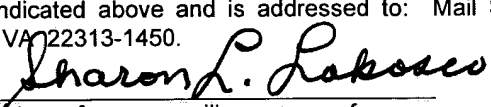
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